

**Leger**

Survey Report

**Canadian**  
**Taxpayers**  
Federation

**Government-Run Grocery Stores**  
**National Omnibus**

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# Methodology



## Method

Online survey via Leger's LEO panel, with n=1511 Canadians aged 18+.

## When

The weekly online omnibus was in field from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2026, inclusive, using Leger's online panel, LEO.

## Margin of error

For comparison purposes, a probability sample of this size (n=1511) yields a margin of error no greater than  $\pm 2.5\%$ , (19 times out of 20).

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# Detailed Results



## Nearly half of Canadians (45%) believe it is a bad idea for the government to begin operating its own grocery stores, while a third (33%) believe it is a good idea.

Demographically, men (vs women), younger Canadians aged 18-34 (vs 35+) and those outside of Quebec (vs Quebecers) are more likely to think it's a good idea. In contrast, Canadians aged 55+ (vs. those 18-54) and Quebecers are more likely to view the idea negatively.

Opinion on Government-Run Grocery Stores		GENDER		AGE			REGION	
		Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+	QC	RoC
(NET) Good idea		39%	27%	46%	35%	23%	28%	34%
Very good idea		13%	8%	14%	13%	7%	8%	11%
Somewhat good idea		26%	19%	32%	23%	16%	20%	23%
(NET) Bad idea		45%	46%	32%	44%	55%	54%	43%
Somewhat bad idea		16%	18%	16%	20%	15%	20%	16%
Very bad idea		29%	28%	16%	24%	40%	34%	27%
Unsure		16%	27%	22%	21%	22%	18%	23%

**CERY1.** Some politicians have proposed opening government-operated grocery stores across Canada. Do you feel it's a good idea or a bad idea for the government to begin operating its own government-run grocery stores?

Base: All (n=1511)

Significantly higher

## Among those with an opinion, nearly six-in-ten Canadians (58%) believe it is a bad idea for the government to begin operating its own government-run grocery stores.

However, over two-in-five feel it's a good idea (42%). Demographically, women (vs men), Canadians aged 55+ (vs those aged 18-54) and Quebecers (vs living outside Quebec) are more likely to think it's a bad idea.

Opinion on Government-Run Grocery Stores	GENDER		AGE			REGION	
	Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+	QC	RoC
(NET) Good idea	47%	37%	59%	45%	29%	34%	45%
Very good idea	16%	11%	17%	16%	9%	10%	15%
Somewhat good idea	31%	27%	42%	29%	20%	25%	30%
(NET) Bad idea	53%	63%	41%	55%	71%	66%	55%
Somewhat bad idea	19%	25%	21%	25%	20%	24%	21%
Very bad idea	35%	38%	20%	30%	51%	42%	34%

**CERY1.** Some politicians have proposed opening government-operated grocery stores across Canada. Do you feel it's a good idea or a bad idea for the government to begin operating its own government-run grocery stores?

Base: Excludes "I don't know" (n=1194)

Significantly higher

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